(b) and (c) No, Sir. Land losers are not evicted from their land or house until and unless they are paid full compensation and extended all Resettlement and Rehabilitation benefits as per norms.

Illegal mining and black marketing of coal

139. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal worth Rs. 300 crores is mined and blackmarketed every year in Jharkhand and West Bengal;

(b) what action has been taken/initiated to curb such illegal mining of coal in these States or elsewhere; and

(c) whether Government would set-up an enquiry into the alleged involvement of officials in this scam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) As far as Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries are concerned, there is no report about coal worth Rs. 300 crore being mined and blackmarketed every year in Jharkhand and West Bengal. However, illegal mining is carried out clandestinely and stealthily by the miscreants mostly outside the leasehold area of CIL. Some instances of illegal mining are also reported from Eastern Coalfields Limited, Bharat Coking Coal Limited and Central Coalfields Limited in their leasehold areas. Following steps have been taken/initiated to curb illegal mining of coal in these States:

(i) Dozing off rat holes created by illegal mining and filling up with stone and debris wherever possible.

(ii) Digging trenches to isolate the illegal mining sites.

(iii) Creating concrete walls on the mouth of the abandoned mines to prevent access and illegal activities in these areas.

(iv) Fencing of various illegal mining sites along with display of sign boards mentioning "Dangerous and Prohibited Place."

(v) Dumping of the overburned on the outcrop zones which are not required to be mined.

(vi) Intensive patrolling and joint raids by CISF, State Police and the security staff of coal companies.

(vii) Meeting with local administration, District Law & Order Authorities at regular intervals.

(viii) BCCL Management has decided that for new projects in future there will be a chapter on mine closure plan in order to back-fill the worked out areas to cover exposed coal faces and fill up openings to prevent illegal mining.

(ix) BCCL and District Administration had jointly issued notices in the local newspapers for widespread publicity intimating that mining coal in abandoned mines is illegal.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply above.

Scam in CCL

†140. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMACARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a scam to the tune of crores of rupees has taken place in CCL by showing the over reporting of coal;

(b) whether it is a fact that a joint team of CBI, CCL and CMPDIL has investigated into this case;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) since when this over reporting scam is being run and people found guilty for the same; and

(e) the action Government have taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) CBI carried out surprise check from 27.9.2005 to 29.9.2005 to undertake coal stock measurement at Urimari Colliery of Barka Sayal Area of CCL, with necessary assistance from CCL Vigilance

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.